



KANGAROO INN AREA SCHOOL

MOBILE PHONE and ELECTRICAL DEVICES POLICY

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Our school community would prefer students not to bring mobile phones to school.

We have an excellent process of locating students and staff on site in case of emergency. Phone access for students is always available by request. Mobile phone service is not always reliable.

- If students bring mobile phones to school they do so at their own risk.
- The school cannot accept responsibility for mobile phones that go missing nor does it have the resources to conduct investigations into misplaced or stolen mobile phones.
- **All contact between parents and students during school time should be through the Front Office.** It is absolutely essential that the school is aware of any changes to a student's routine during the day so that it can carry out its duty of care. This includes having information about whether a student uses the bus to go home at the end of the day.
- It is critical that all students are given the best learning environment in which to learn without interruptions created by mobile phone use in lesson and study time.
 - In secondary classes, therefore mobile phones **must be turned off in lesson time, study time and during any school event or activity unless alternative arrangements have been negotiated with the permission of the teacher and/or supervisor.**
 - In Primary classes, this means there will be no mobile phone usage.
- Students **using mobile phones during lessons study time/school event / activity:**
 - The phone will be confiscated and sent to the front office. ***For repeat offenders the phone will remain confiscated until parents are notified.***
 - ***The use of other people's mobile phones is not permitted even with permission from the owner.***
 - The parent/care giver will be contacted by the Principal or Coordinators.
 - The mobile phone will be returned after the issues and concerns have been discussed with the parents/care givers.

Mobile Phones / Electronic Devices

- Electronic devices with cameras and screens create a new set of privacy issues for schools. In cases where there are invasions of privacy or where student images are used without permission there will be serious consequences.
- In some cases students could be expected to be suspended from school and in extreme circumstances could be excluded from school.
- ***If students have been found to have been involved with taking invasive photos, or using/showing inappropriate material, consequences will include, confiscation of the electronic device, parents contacted to collect the item, and the device will not be allowed back on site until further notice depending on the seriousness of the issue.***

Breaches of the KIAS Mobile Phone Policy will be dealt with in accordance with the ICT Cybersafety Agreement and the Student Wellbeing Policy.

If the law is breached regarding inappropriate use of electronic devices, the police will be notified.